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# The Joy Of The Christian Life

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The JOY of the Christian Life Lk. 2:8-14

INT:

One of the great tragedys of today's world is Christians are not showing the great JOY Christ promised. 10&14

I. JOY IS ONE OF GOD'S GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES THRU CH

- A. John 15:1-12. Joy in abiding and bearing fruit.  
 B. John 17:12-17. Joy full when fully out of world!  
 C. Rom. 14:16-17. Church membership includes joy.  
 D. Rom. 15:13-14. Full of peace, hope and then joy.  
 E. I John 1:1-9. Joy in obeying and correcting wrongs

CONCLUSION: Only true Christians know joy Christ brings.

II. WHAT IS JOY? Silly, giddy, festive fever? MUCH MORE!

- A. Divine definitions: Gr. CHARA: Gladness or "Gladness based on reception or expectation of something good."  
 B. Joy is not in THINGS, rather it is in US. State.  
 C. World may experience pleasures, but only Christians can know JOY. (Contentment and hope for future)  
 D. Joy is not having our OWN way, but letting God have His way with, in and through us. (All be allright!!)  
 E. Chinese Philosopher asked what is JOY? Ans: "Joy is a child going down the road singing after asking me the way." Joy is giving to life to come!!!!  
 F. RICHARD WAGNER: "He who gives joy to the world is raised higher among men than he who conquers the world!!!"

CONCLUSION: Joy is the knowledge that God controls my life and He makes me a channel of blessings to many other

INV: HEBREWS 12:1-2 illustrates JOY in unmistakable terms.

1. Jesus died for our sins and EXPECTED us to take advantage of his death by obeying the gospel. B-R-C-B. What JOY being a sinner and being lost?  
 acts 22:16.
2. Jesus endured shame that we might be rid of the shame and guilt of sin. I John 1:9.

A JOY and pleasure to welcome Christians who are new to this area. If feel can be happy with us, please accept our invitation to share our JOYS IN CHRIST

TODAY!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Joy defined:

Repelles of S. Liberia = "a sweet heart."

Bambaras of Fr. W. Africa -  
"the spirit is made sweet."

Tzeltals of Mexico - "the  
good taste of one's heart."

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Very strange: Miskitos of  
Honduras - "the liver  
is wide open."

(happily accepting the  
pleasures flooding in  
upon it.) Nida.

God's Word in  
man's Language.

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